AT A

GENERAL COURT.

Held at Boston May 8. 1678.

THis Court, conſidering how the Lord hath been pleaſed of late Years, by many wayes and meanes, to humble, and bring low his poor people in this Wilderneſs, together with the Tokens of his great Anger not yet turned away from us, appearing, as in other reſpects, ſo alſo in a ſignal manner, in the contagious ſpreading Diſeaſe of the Small Pox, and other Diſtempers; whereby many have been taken away, ſome Families laid deſolate in ſeveral places, and ſundry of the Lords precious Servants, his dear Miniſters, removed from us; the Lord thereby threatning to puniſh our great Wantonneſs under, and Wearineſs of, the pretious Liberties and Sanctuary-Priviledges, which we have for a long time enjoyed: And conſidering withal, how eminently our Dependence is upon the multitude of the Lords tender Mercies, for the free pardon of whatever hath provoked his holy and jealous Eye; for the amending what is yet amiſs among us in all Orders; For the preventing of the Fears of thoſe whoſe eyes are open to obſerve the many wayes whereby God is provoked, notwithſtanding all the means he hath uſed to humble and heal us; As alſo, for his Bleſſing upon our Labours by Sea and Land; for defeating the Counſels, and rebuking the Malice of the Blood-thirſty Heathen about us; for the giving a good iſſue to thoſe matters wherewith our Worthy Agents are betruſted; for their ſafe and ſeaſonable Return; And for the ſettlement, and future Flouriſhing of the Colledge, wherein the whole Country is ſo much concerned: Conſidering alſo the ſad and deplorable condition of the People and intereſt of Chriſt Jeſus in forreign parts, and the great Rage of Satan and his Inſtruments in all places:

Do therefore Commend unto the Inhabitants of this Juriſdiction the ſerious conſideration of the premiſes, and the ſeaſonable work of deep Humiliation under the mighty hand of the Lord: And in particular do appoint Thurſday, the ſixt Day of *June* next enſuing, to be ſolemnly kept as a Day of Humiliation and Prayer, throughout this Juriſdiction.

Edward Rawſon Secr.

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